(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The performance of Visakhapatnam Export Processing Zone is, by and large, satisfactory and the export performance of the Zone during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Exports (Rs. crores)
1997-98	0.05
1998-99	18.15
1999-2000 (Upto Feb. 2000)	99.07

(d) and (e) Policy on Free Trade Zones is under consideration of the Ministry.

Growth Centres opened during Eighth Plan

1831. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of growth centres opened during Eighth Plan period, State-wise;

(b) the extent to which these centres could achieve their objectives;

(c) the number of growth centres proposed during the Ninth Plan Period; and

(d) how many of them would be located in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) A list of growth centres approved State-wise during the Eighth Plan and the Ninth Plan is given-in the statement. *(See* below). According to the information furnished by the State Governments, out of the 28 growth centres approved during the Eighth Plan period, distribution of plots has commenced in 8 and investment and employment generated in 5. The remaining growth centres are at various stages of the development.

(d) All the four growth centres proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh had been approved before the commencement of Ninth Plan.

Statement

Number of growth centres approved during Eighth Plan & Ninth Plan period

A. Eighth Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of Growth Centres approved
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01
2.	Goa	01
3.	Gujarat	03
4.	Madhya Pradesh	0.1
5.	Rajasthan	02
6.	Tamil Nadu	01
7.	Uttar Pradesh	06
8.	Kerala	02
9.	Bihar	05
10.	Himachal Pradesh	01
11.	Orissa West	02
12.	Bengal	03

B. Ninth Plan (1997-98 to 2001-2002)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	No. of Growth Centres approved
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	01
2.	Assam	02
3.	Bihar	01
4.	Haryana	01
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
6.	Maharashtra	01
7.	Manipur	01
8.	Meghalaya.	01
9.	Mizoram	01
10.	Nagaland	01
11.	Orissa	02
12.	Pondicherry	01
13.	Rajasthan	01
14.	Tripura	01
15.	Uttar Pradesh	01
16.	Tamil Nadu	01